GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to help Africa to fight HIV-AIDS and other pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of countries offering help to India to fight HIV-AIDS;

(d) whether the target to fight HIV-AIDS has shown any positive results; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)& (b): As a part of our overall policy to high African Countries India has from time to time provided assistance by way of food grains and medicines, including anti retroviral drugs, to various African countries.
A statement showing the details of such medicines provided by way of assistance to various African countries is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): The following countries are offering help to India to fight HIV-AIDS:

1. United Kingdom: DFID assisted PSH Project.

2. United States of America: USAID assisted APAC Project in Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry and AVERT Project in Maharashtra.

3. Canada: India Canada Collaborative HIV/AIDS Project.

(d) & (e): The target to fight HIV-AIDS has shown positive results. A statement indicating achievements of National AIDS Control Programme is enclosed at Annexure - II.

Annexure-I

MEDICINES DONATED TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES

S.NO	Country	Financial Year Sanctioned (in Rs.)	Amount (In US dollars)
1.	Kenya	2003-04	4544986 100,000
2.	Zambia	2003-04	4592986 100,000
3.	Lesotho	2003-04	2223697 50,000
4.	Namibia	2003-04	4506586 100,000
5.	Uganda	2003-04	2226505 50,000
6.	Ivory Coast	2003-04	445490 100,000
7	Seychelles	2004-05	2287446 50,000

8.	Guinea	2004-05	4542933	100,000

Annexure - II

Achievements made under National AIDS Control Programme

National AIDS Prevention & Control Policy and National Blood Policy are in place, to prevent the epidemic from further spread and reduce the socio-economic impact.

State AIDS Control Societies have been constituted at State / UT level as an autonomous body for implementation of programme activities.

To ensure early diagnosis and management of sexually transmitted diseases (STD), 745 STD clinics are supported by providing necessary consumables and drugs.

804 Voluntary Counselling Testing Centers are already in existence, in order to provide access to people for voluntary HIV testing with pre and post test counseling.

Free Antiretro-viral therapy is being provided in 8 centres in public sector hospitals.

933 Targeted Intervention projects are implemented through Non Governmental Organisations to prevent HIV spread among high-risk populations.

In order to provide care for terminally ill patients suffering from HIV/AIDS, 60 community care centers have been established in high prevalent States.

307 PPTCT centres are providing a package of services for preventive intervention for transmission from HIV infected mothers to their children.

Provision of one functional Blood bank in each district to ensure safety of blood and Blood products. 1020 blood banks are presently supported under the programme.

670 sentinel sites were established in identified clinics and Targetted Intervention projects to track progression of HIV epidemic in the country.

Coverage of 64,453 schools under School AIDS education programme.

For the management of `Opportunistic Infections` for people living with HIV/AIDS, financial support is being provided to major hospital in all States/UTs of the Country.